CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for processing an upgrade version of a base application accessed by a user from an application service provider, said base application being accessible at a first network address, said method comprising:

installing said upgrade version at a second network address;

notifying said user that said upgrade version is available for testing; and

enabling said user to access said upgrade version at said second address.

2. The method as set forth in claim 1 and further including receiving feedback from said user regarding said upgrade version.

3. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said notifying is accomplished by effecting a notification screen display on a display device of said user.

4. The method as set forth in claim 3 wherein said notification is provided in response to a user request for access to said base application.

5. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said feedback is in a form of responses to a questionnaire which is caused to be displayed on a display device of said user.

6. The method as set forth in claim 2 and further including migrating said upgrade version to said user in response to said user.

7. The method as set forth in claim 6 wherein said migration is accomplished by changing a pointer reference from said first network address to said second network address.

8. The method as set forth in claim 7 wherein said first and second network addresses are located at a single network server site.

9. The method as set forth in claim 7 wherein said first and second network addresses are located at different network server sites.

10. A storage medium including machine readable coded indicia, said storage medium being selectively coupled to a reading device, said reading device being selectively coupled to processing circuitry within a computer system, said reading device being selectively operable to read said machine readable coded indicia and provide program signals representative thereof, said program signals being effective to enable processing of testing of an upgrade version of a base application which is accessible by a user from an application service provider, said base application being accessible at a first network address, said program signals being selectively operable for:

installing said upgrade version at a second network address;

notifying said user that said upgrade version is available for testing; and

enabling said user to access said upgrade version at said second address.

11. The medium as set forth in claim 10 wherein said program signals are further selectively effective for enabling a receipt of feedback from said user regarding said upgrade version.

12. The medium as set forth in claim 10 wherein said notifying is accomplished by effecting a notification screen display on a display device of said user.

13. The medium as set forth in claim 12 wherein said notification is provided in response to a user request for access to said base application.

14. The medium as set forth in claim 10 wherein said feedback is in a form of responses to a questionnaire which is caused to be displayed on a display device of said user.

15. The medium as set forth in claim 11 wherein said program signals are further selectively effective for migrating said upgrade version to said user in response to said user.

16. The medium as set forth in claim 15 wherein said migration is accomplished by changing a pointer reference from said first network address to said second network address.

17. The medium as set forth in claim 16 wherein said first and second network addresses are located at a single network server site.

18. The medium as set forth in claim 16 wherein said first and second network addresses are located at different network server sites.

19. A system for processing testing of an upgrade version of a base application which is accessible by a user from an application service provider, said base application being accessible at a first network address, said system comprising:

a system bus;

a CPU device connected to said system bus; and

a memory device connected to said system bus, said memory device including program code, said program code being selectively accessible for installing said upgrade version at a second network address and effecting a notification to said user that said upgrade version is available for testing, said program code being further effective for enabling said user to access said upgrade version at said second address.

20. The system as set forth in claim 19 wherein said program signals are further selectively effective for enabling a receipt of feedback from said user regarding said upgrade version.

21. The system as set forth in claim 19 wherein said notifying is accomplished by effecting a notification screen display on a display device of said user.

22. The system as set forth in claim 21 wherein said notification is provided in response to a user request for access to said base application.

23. The system as set forth in claim 19 wherein said feedback is in a form of responses to a questionnaire which is caused to be displayed on a display device of said user.

24. The system as set forth in claim 20 wherein said program signals are further selectively effective for migrating said upgrade version to said user in response to said user.

25. The system as set forth in claim 24 wherein said migration is accomplished by changing a pointer reference from said first network address to said second network address.

26. The system as set forth in claim 25 wherein said first and second network addresses are located at a single network server site.

27. The system as set forth in claim 25 wherein said first and second network addresses are located at different network server sites.